Health summit at Chandigarh

2836. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the month of February 1994 a special session of three day Health Summit was held in Chandigarh, to discuss the AIDS issue;

(b) if so, what are the number of delegates who attended the Summit;

(c) whether any concrete decisions for checking the spread of AIDS in the country were taken; and

(d) what steps are being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) About 250 delegates are reported to have attended the meeting.

(c) Several recommendations relating to steps which can be taken to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS were made in the meeting.

(d) All the major recommendaetions are already included in the strategic plan for the prevention and control of AIDS in the country.

Seminar to evaluate the performance of Family Planning efforts

2837. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Seminar was held recently at Madras under the auspices of M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation to avaluate the performance of our Family Planning efforts, if so, the findings thereof;

(b) whther it is a fact that the Southern States (Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka) are in the forefront of implementing Family Planning programme to targets and whether literacy drives in the above States have relation to the success of Family Planning programmes; and

(c) while the Southern States have achieved the target of 21 births per 1000 population, what are the corresponding figures for the Northern States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) As intimated by Dr. Swaminathan, no Seminar was held.

(b) Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka have recorded crude birth rates of 17.5, 20.7 and 26.22 respectively per thousand population as against the all India average of 29 as per 1992 Sample Registration System (SRS) estimates. A higher female literacy rates an important contributing factor.

(c) State wise figures are given in the enclosed statement.